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FROM USDEL UNIDO II CONFERENCE

AMEMBASSY TOKYO FOR USDEL TO CNR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: UNIDO, VS, PFOR
SUBJ: UNIDO GC II: CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

1. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE HELD SECOND SESSION MARCH 21 TO CONSIDER DRAFT REPORT ON STATUS OF CREDENTIALS OF SOME 115 GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING INTRODUCTION OF DRAFT REPORT BY CHAIRMAN BRILLANTES (PHILIPPINES), USSR DELEGATE MADE STATEMENT ON RVN AND PRG. PARAPHRASE OF SOVIET STATEMENT FOLLOWS: THE PARIS PEACE AGREEMENT PROVIDED FOR TWO ZONES AND TWO ADMINISTRATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THEREFORE PARTICIPATION AT CONFERENCE OF ONLY ONE ADMINISTRATION IS ABNORMAL, AND CONTRADICTORY. SAIGON CANNOT REPRESENT SOUTH
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VIETNAM. THE AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE OF SOUTH VIETNAM IS THE

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PRG. THEIR ABSENCE INFRINGES ON THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY AND REPRESENTS A DEFECT IN THE CONFERENCE. SOVIET DELEGATE ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE REFERENCE TO "GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF" IN CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT BE CHANGED TO "FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY".

2. THE US DELEGATE INTERVENED TO SAY THAT THE US RECOGNIZES THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, A MEMBER OF 11 UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, AS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF THECOUNTRY. THE PRG IS SIMPLY A FACADE. IT IS DEVOID OF POPULAR PARTICIPATION, REPRESENTS A SMALL FRACTION OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE POPULATION, AND DOES NOT HAVE THE ATTRIBUTES OF A GOVERNMENT. THE PRG IS NOT A STATE AND THE RVN IS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM. THE PARIS PEACE AGREEMENT HAS NOT ALTERED THE US POSITION IN THIS RESPECT. BELGIUM, VENEZUELA AND THE PHILIPPINES SUPPORTED THE US POSITION WITH STATEMENTS THAT RVN IS SOLE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT.

3. THE CHINESE REPRESENTATIVE SAID IT WAS UNREASONABLE AND INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE RVN TO PARTICIPATE UNILATERALLY IN THE CONFERENCE, SINCE THERE ARE TWO ADMINISTRATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. HE CHARACTERIZED US REFERENCES TO PRG AS "SLANDEROUS". TANZANIA SAID RVN HAS NO RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE, AND THAT GOT RECOGNIZES PRG AS SOLE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT. SENEGAL REGRETTED ABSENCE OF PRG, NOTING THAT GOS RECOGNIZES BOTH RVN AND PRG.

4. CHAIRMAN BRILLANTES THEN SUMMED UP EXCHANGE AND SAID THAT COMMITTEE REPORT TO PLENARY WOULD REFLECT VARIOUS VIEWS AS EXPRESSED ABOVE. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE WILL MEET SATURDAY, MARCH 22 TO CONSIDER DRAFT REPORT. ON QUESTION OF FRG, BRILLANTES SAID THAT DRAFT REPORT FOLLOWED GA PRACTICE. COMMITTEE REPORT WOULD SIMPLY NOTE USSR INTERVENTION ON THIS MATTER.

5. SOVIETS HAD INDICATED TO US WELL BEFORE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MEETING OF TODAY THAT THEY HAD NO INTENTION OF INITIATING EXCHANGE ON PRG. THEY DID HOWEVER. US DELEGATION WILL ONCE AGAIN CONTACT SOVIETS PRIOR MARCH 24 MEETING OF COMMITTEE IN ATTEMPT DISSUADE THEM FROM CARRYING THIS ISSUE TO FLOOR OF PLENARY. PLENARY WILL NOT CONSIDER CREDENTIALS
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COMMITTEE REPORT PRIOR TO MONDAY, MARCH 24. THERE IS NO FIRM SCHEDULE ON WHEN THE REPORT WILL BE TAKEN UP IN PLENARY. US DELEGATION WILL OF COURSE IN INTERIM CONTACT FRIENDLY DELEGATIONS AGAINST PROBABILITY THAT PRG ISSUE WILL BE DEBATED IN PLENARY.
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